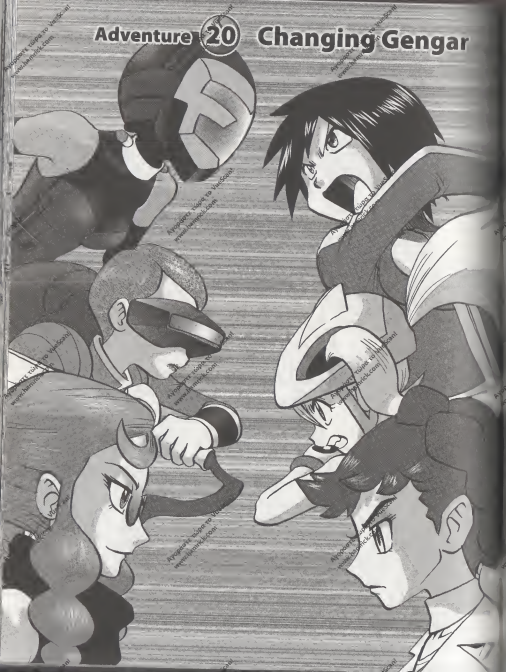
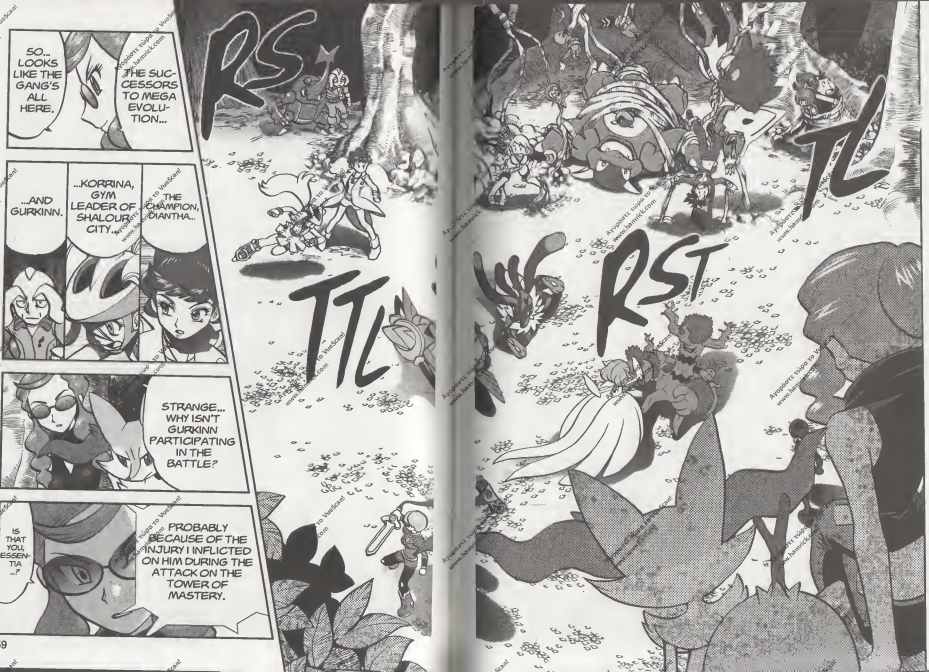
Adventure 20 Changing Gengar

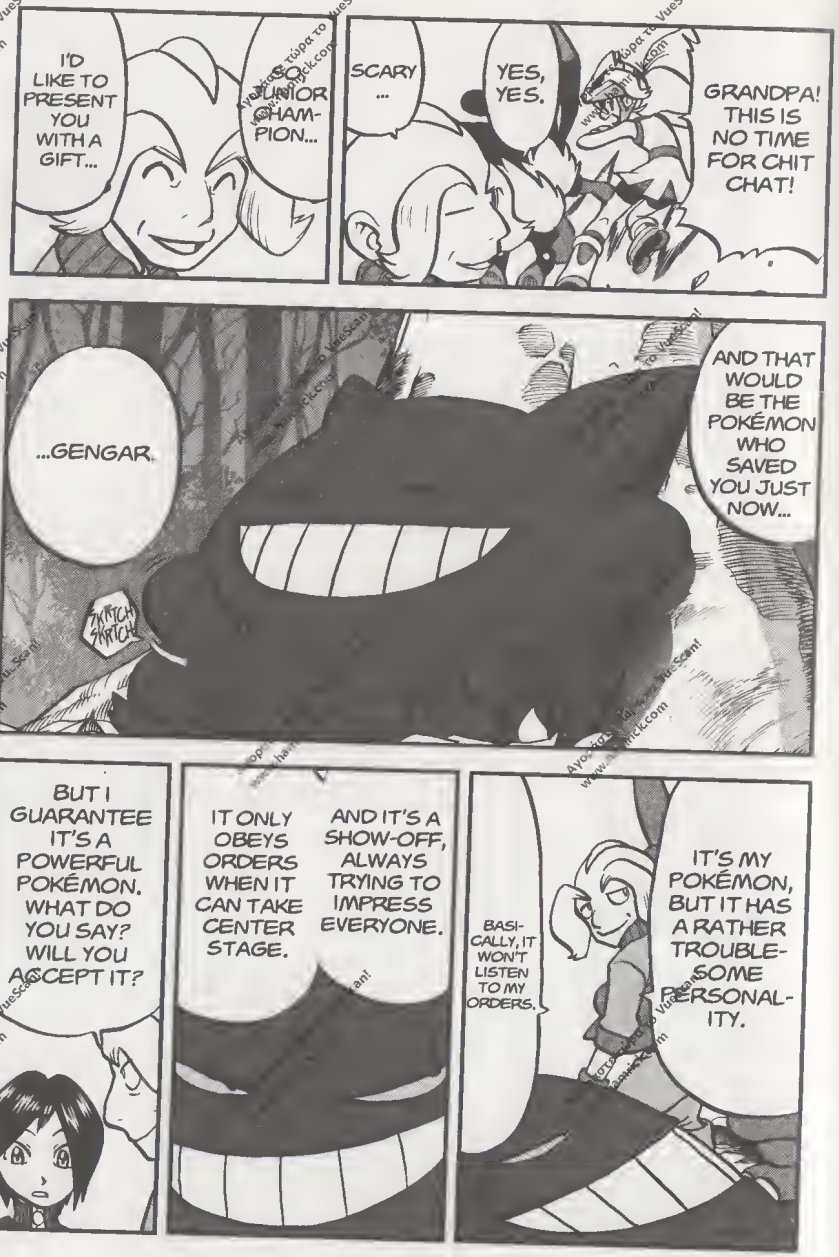


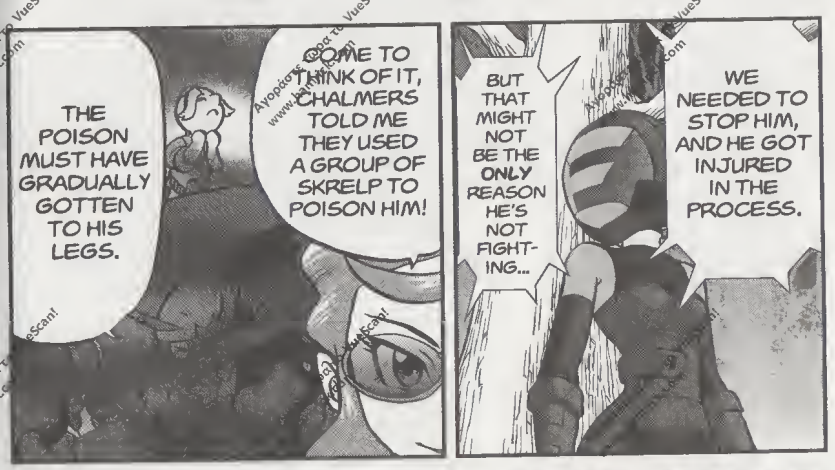
Current Location

Route 8
Muraille Coast

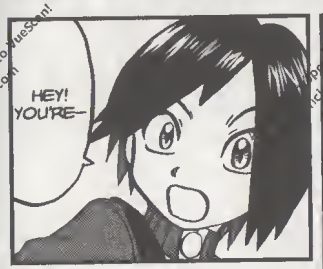
This is a road of great contrasts, from the harsh rock of the cliffs to the soft sands of the beach.


SO... LOOKS LIKE THE GANG'S ALL HERE.
THE SUCCESSORS TO MEGA EVOLUTION...
THE CHAMPION, DIANTHA...
...KORRINA, GYM LEADER OF SHALOUR CITY...
...AND GURKINN.
STRANGE... WHY ISN'T GURKINN PARTICIPATING IN THE BATTLE?
PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE INJURY I INFLICTED ON HIM DURING THE ATTACK ON THE TOWER OF MASTERY.
IS THAT YOU, ESSENTIA ...?
RS
TTL
TL
RST


I'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A GIFT...
SO, JUNIOR CHAMPION...
SCARY...
YES, YES.
GRANDPA! THIS IS NO TIME FOR CHIT CHAT!
...GENGAR.
SKRTCH SKRTCH
AND THAT WOULD BE THE POKÉMON WHO SAVED YOU JUST NOW...
BUT I GUARANTEE IT'S A POWERFUL POKÉMON. WHAT DO YOU SAY? WILL YOU ACCEPT IT?
IT ONLY OBEYS ORDERS WHEN IT CAN TAKE CENTER STAGE.
AND IT'S A SHOW-OFF, ALWAYS TRYING TO IMPRESS EVERYONE.
BASI-CALLY, IT WON'T LISTEN TO MY ORDERS.
IT'S MY POKÉMON, BUT IT HAS A RATHER TROUBLE-SOME PERSONAL-ITY.


THE POISON MUST HAVE GRADUALLY GOTTEN TO HIS LEGS.
COME TO THINK OF IT, CHALMERS TOLD ME THEY USED A GROUP OF SKRELP TO POISON HIM!
BUT THAT MIGHT NOT BE THE ONLY REASON HE'S NOT FIGHT-ING...
WE NEEDED TO STOP HIM, AND HE GOT INJURED IN THE PROCESS.

SNAP SNAP SNAP


HEY! YOU'RE—

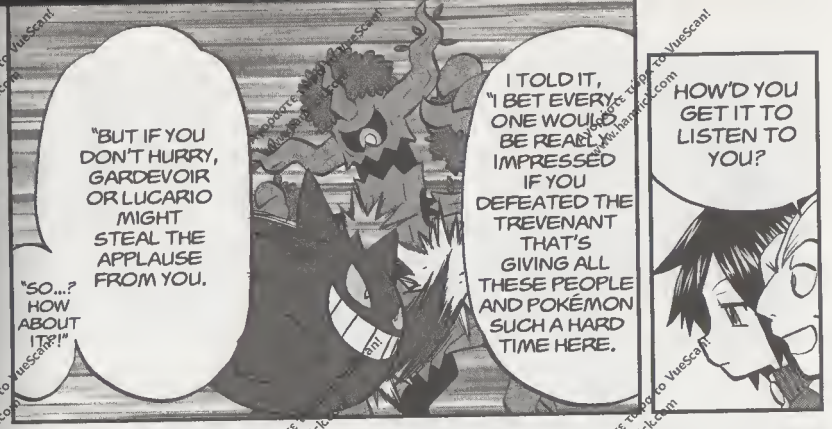
BUT THAT'S UNDER-STANDABLE, GIVEN HOW HANDSOME I USED TO BE.
YOU REMEMBER ME, JUNIOR CHAMPION!

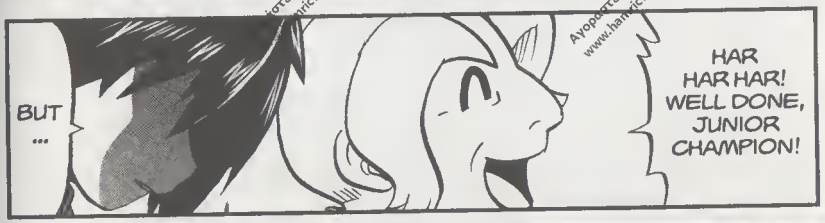
FWUMP

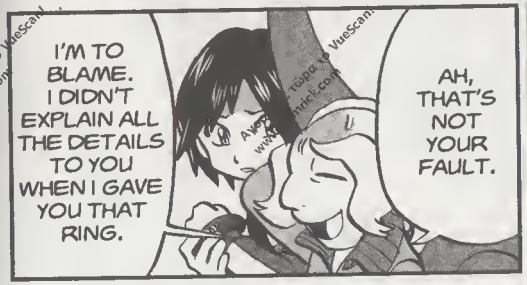
WHIS-PER, WHIS-PER...
DASH
SHAD-OW PUNCH!
OOH!
KRACKACK

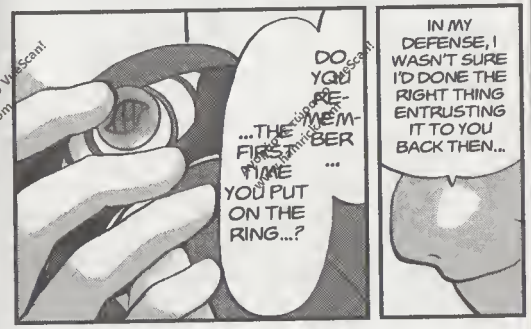
IF YOU WANT TO SAVE THEM, YOU'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE GENGAR!
YOUR POKÉ-MON AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE ALL BEEN CAP-TURED!
YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT!
...
I SAW ITS NAME ON THE MEGA STONE LIST WE GOT FROM TEAM FLARE!
... GENGAR CAN MEGA EVOLVE TOO!
SHE'S RIGHT, X! BESIDES ...
... BOND WITH IT.
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS WHETHER YOU'LL BE ABLE TO...
AND OBVIOUSLY I'VE HANDED OVER THE MEGA STONE GENGARITE TO GENGAR.
OH, YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT? WELL, YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY RIGHT!
...

CLEARLY.
YES ...
...MY STRENGTH AND MY EMOTIONS... WERE ALL GETTING CONCENTRATED INTO THE RING—OR THE KEY STONE EMBEDDED IN THE CENTER OF THE RING, TO BE EXACT.
HOW CAN I PUT IT...? IT FELT LIKE...
...ON MY LEFT ARM.
IT WAS LIKE I HAD ANOTHER BRAIN OR HEART...
...HAS THAT EXPERIENCE.
HOWEVER, NOT EVERYBODY ...
YOUR SENSES WERE CORRECT.

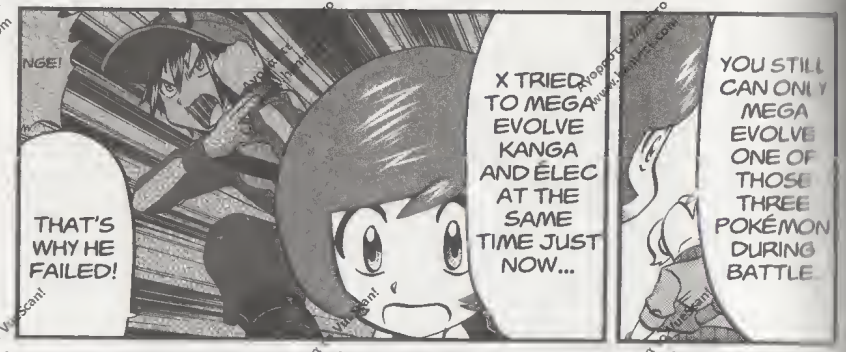

"SO...? HOW ABOUT IT?!"
"BUT IF YOU DON'T HURRY, GARDEVOIR OR LUCARIO MIGHT STEAL THE APPLAUSE FROM YOU.
I TOLD IT, "I BET EVERYONE WOULD BE REALLY IMPRESSED IF YOU DEFEATED THE TREVENANT THAT'S GIVING ALL THESE PEOPLE AND POKÉMON SUCH A HARD TIME HERE.
HOW'D YOU GET IT TO LISTEN TO YOU?

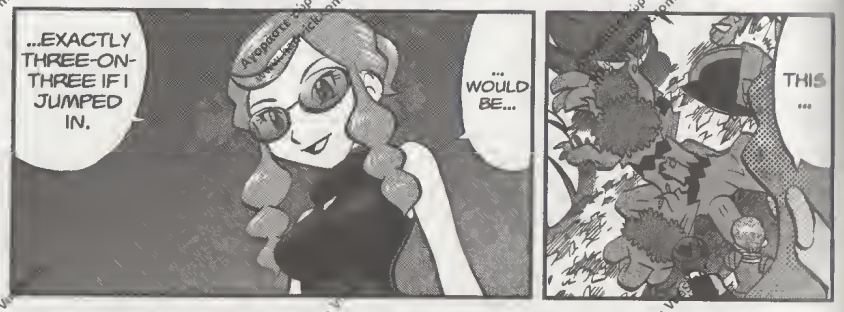

BUT ...
HAR HAR HAR! WELL DONE, JUNIOR CHAMPION!

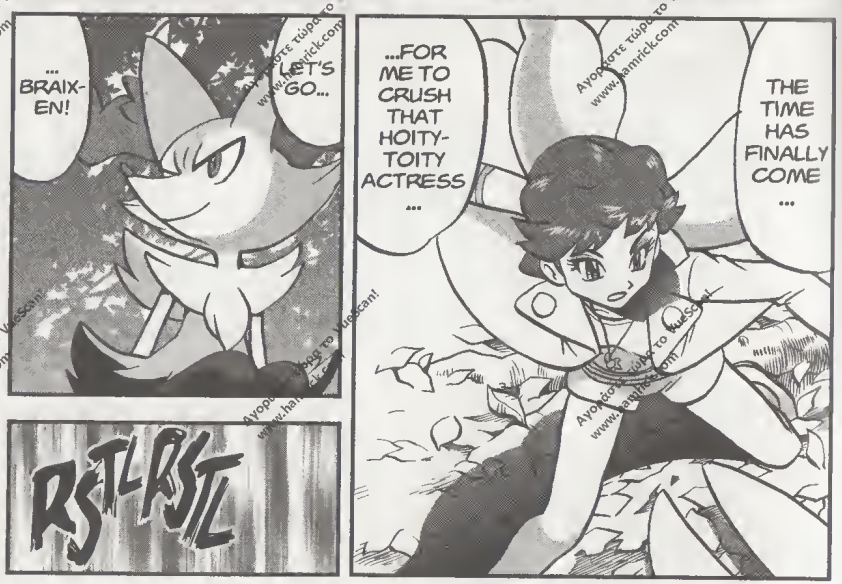

I'M TO BLAME. I DIDN'T EXPLAIN ALL THE DETAILS TO YOU WHEN I GAVE YOU THAT RING.
AH, THAT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.


...THE FIRST TIME YOU PUT ON THE RING...?
DO YOU REMEMBER ...
IN MY DEFENSE, I WASN'T SURE I'D DONE THE RIGHT THING ENTRUSTING IT TO YOU BACK THEN...

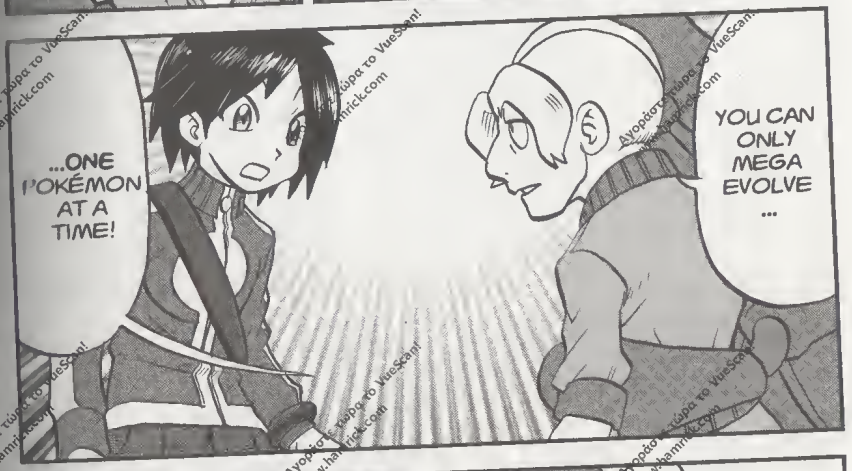
NEITHER KANGA OR ELEC TRANSFORMED...!
...I COULDN'T USE MEGA EVOLUTION!


NGE!
THAT'S WHY HE FAILED!
X TRIED TO MEGA EVOLVE KANGA AND ÉLEC AT THE SAME TIME JUST NOW...
YOU STILL CAN ONLY MEGA EVOLVE ONE OF THOSE THREE POKÉMON DURING BATTLE.


...EXACTLY THREE-ON-THREE IF I JUMPED IN.
... WOULD BE...
THIS ...

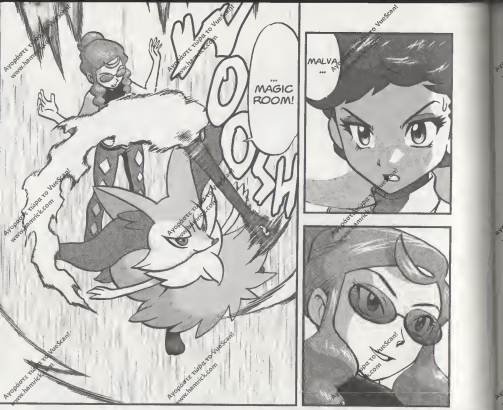

... BRAIX-EN!
LET'S GO...
RSTL-RSTL
...FOR ME TO CRUSH THAT HOITY-TOITY ACTRESS ...
THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME ...

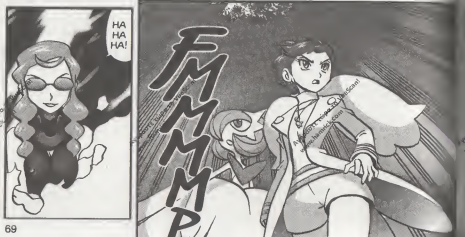
LET ME EXPLAIN WHY YOU FAILED JUST NOW.
BUT ...
I'M TRULY GLAD NOW THAT I CHOSE TO HAND THE MEGA RING OVER TO YOU.

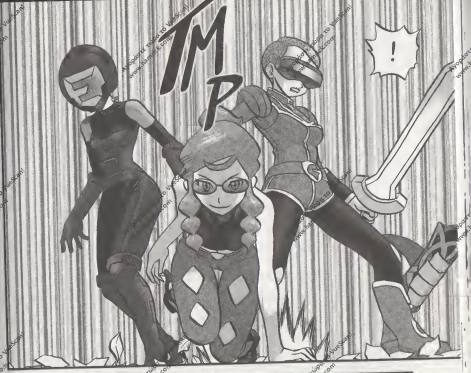

...ONE POKÉMON AT A TIME!
YOU CAN ONLY MEGA EVOLVE ...

WHAT ...?

...YOU MANAGE TO CREATE A BOND WITH GENGAR AS WELL.
AND LET'S SAY ...
...AND A MANEC-TRIC.
YOU HAVE A KANGAS-KHAN ...


...
MAGIC ROOM!
OOOH
MALVA...?


HA HA HA!
FMMMMP


TMP
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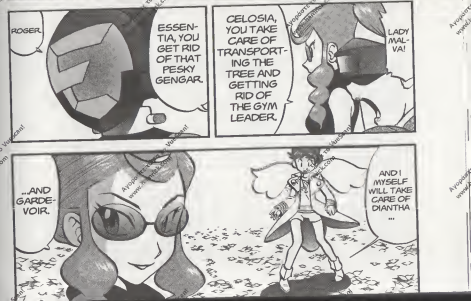
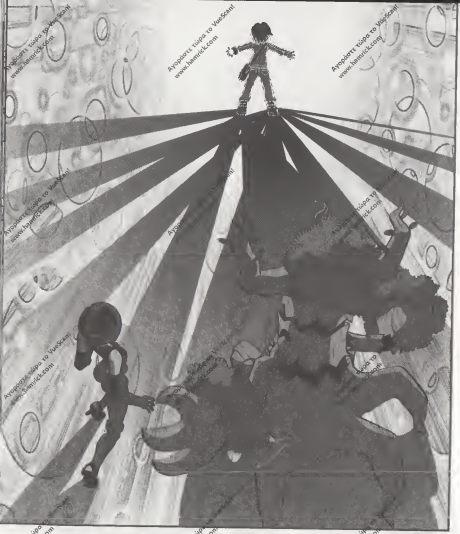
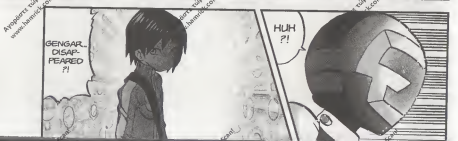
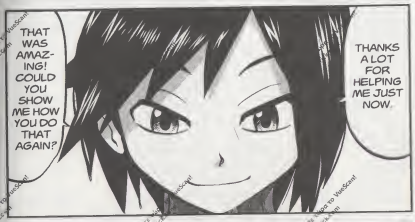

ROGER.
ESSENTIA, YOU GET RID OF THAT PESKY GENGAR.
CELOSIA, YOU TAKE CARE OF TRANSPORTING THE TREE AND GETTING RID OF THE GYM LEADER.
LADY MALVA!
...AND GARDEVOIR.
AND I MYSELF WILL TAKE CARE OF DIANTHA ...

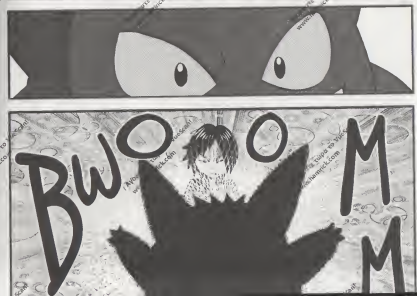
LOOKS LIKE NOT EVEN X CAN MAKE GOOD USE OF THAT ATTENTION-CRAVING POKÉMON...
WHAT A PAIN ...
IT QUICKLY LOSES INTEREST IF IT CAN'T SHOW OFF.
GEN-GAR?!
TORU
SMASH
I MEAN... GARMA.
IS IT BECAUSE X ISN'T GIVING IT GOOD ORDERS?
NO ...
GEN-GAR ...
THE TREE AND ALL THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAVE LEFT!
HEY, KORRINA! STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR OPPONENT!
DIANTHA!
LET'S GO AFTER THEM, LUCARIO!
SHOOT!
TREVENANT IS STARTING TO READ ITS MOVES. THIS IS BAD...
GEN-GAR'S SHADOW PUNCH IS BEGINNING TO MISS ITS TARGET!
WFF
WFF



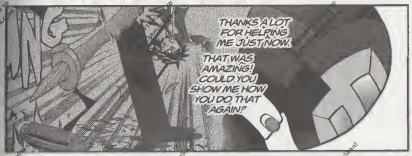

GENGAR... DISAP-PEARED ?!
HUH ?!

BWOOMM
GREAT! THAT'S PER-FECT!
...I BET YOU CAN USE CON-FUSE RAY, RIGHT?
GARMA-
YES.
EH? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO NICK-NAME IT?


THAT WAS AMAZ-ING! COULD YOU SHOW ME HOW YOU DO THAT AGAIN?
THANKS A LOT FOR HELPING ME JUST NOW.


BWOOMM

WOM
WOM
WOM
SHADOW PUNCH!
HUH?! IT WAS HIDING IN OUR SHADOW ...?!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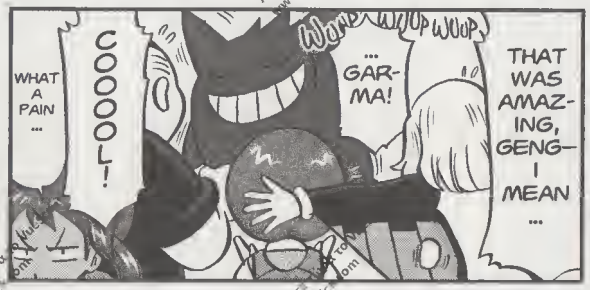
THAT WAS AMAZING! COULD YOU SHOW ME HOW YOU DID THAT AGAIN?

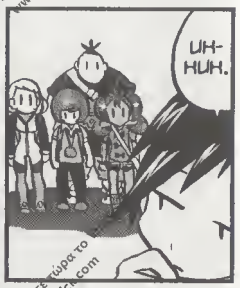
KRASH
KRASH

WHICH SHADOW IS IT HIDING IN?!

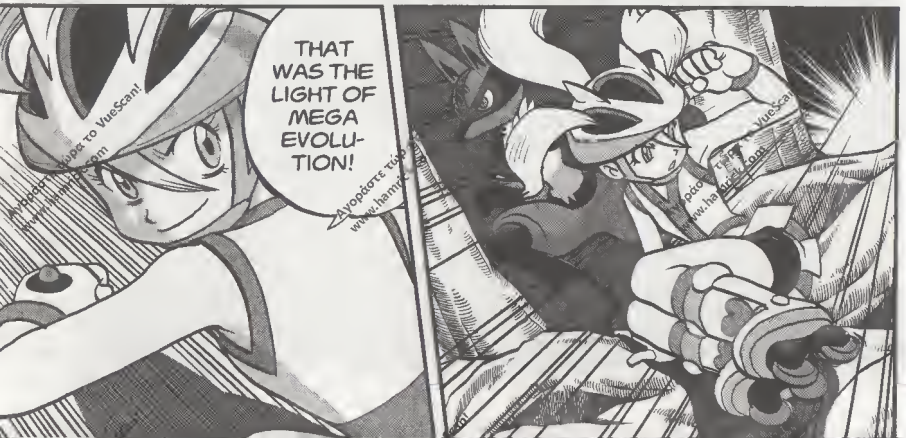
TREVENANT! ATTACK THE SHADOWS!

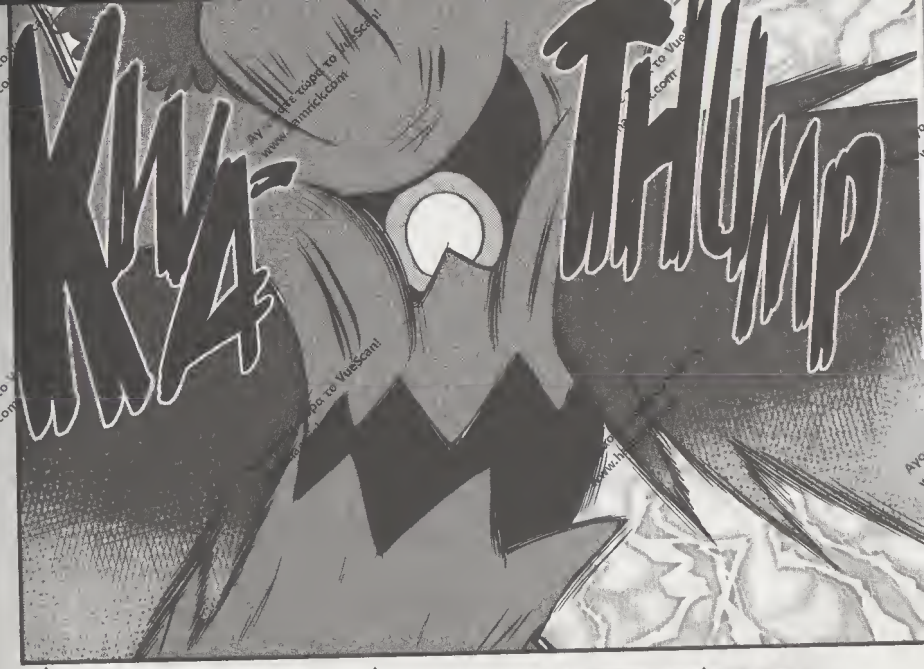
...MEGA EVOLVE IT!
HE MANAGED TO...

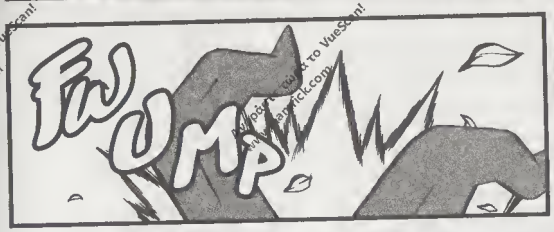

COOOOL!
WHAT A PAIN ...
WOOP WOOP WOOP!
...GARMA!
THAT WAS AMAZING, GENG— I MEAN ...


UH-HUH.

JMP


THAT WAS THE LIGHT OF MEGA EVOLUTION!


KYA
THUMP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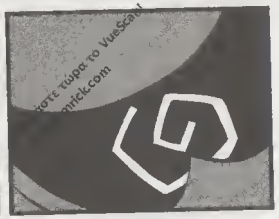
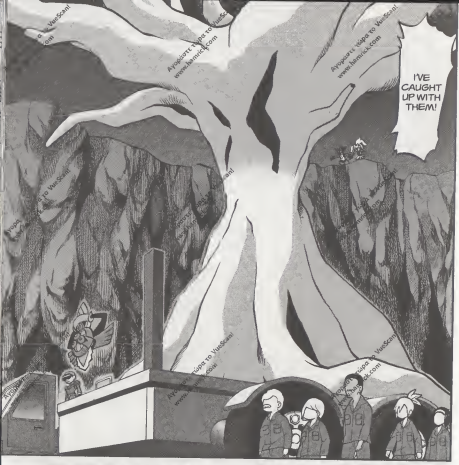


ITS FORM... IT'S...

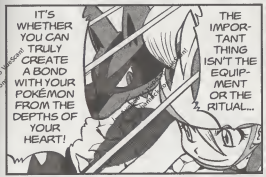

I'VE CAUGHT UP WITH THEM!

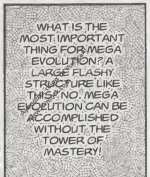
LET'S JUMP ONTO THE TREE!
ONE, TWO ...
... THREE!

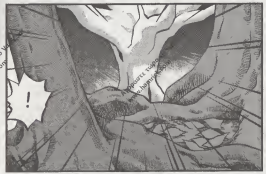
...WON'T TEACH YOU!
...
BACK THEN...

IM-PRES-SIVE!
PAJAMA BOY--I MEAN, X--SUCCEED-ED!

...BUT IT'S JUST AS GRANDPA SAID WHEN WE ABANDONED THE TOWER OF MASTERY TO MAKE OUR ESCAPE...
I DIDN'T ACCEPT HIM BECAUSE HE HADN'T GONE THROUGH ALL THE PROPER RITUALS...


IT'S WHETHER YOU CAN TRULY CREATE A BOND WITH YOUR POKÉMON FROM THE DEPTHS OF YOUR HEART!
THE IMPOR-TANT THING ISN'T THE EQUIP-MENT OR THE RITUAL...


WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR MEGA EVOLUTION? A LARGE FLASHY STRUCTURE LIKE THIS? NO! MEGA EVOLUTION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THE TOWER OF MASTERY!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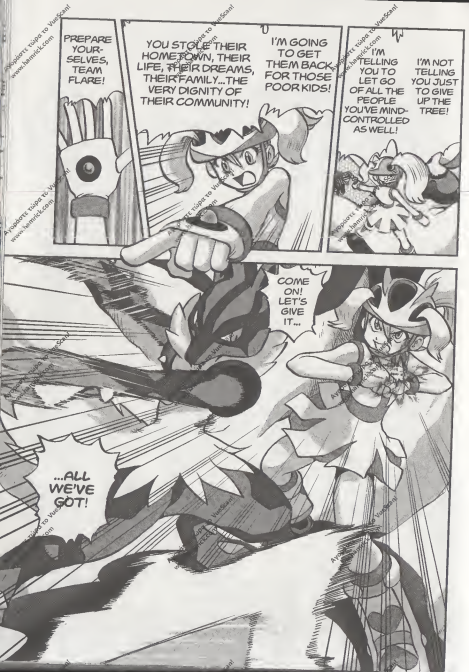
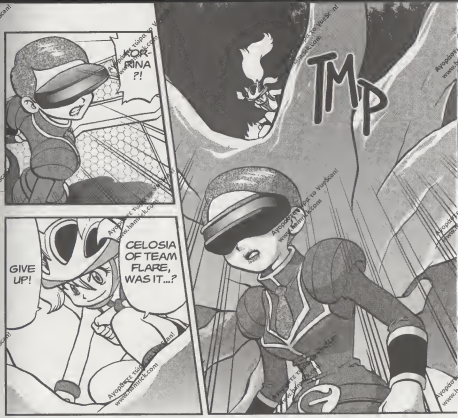

PREPARE YOURSELVES, TEAM FLARE!
YOU STOLE THEIR HOMETOWN, THEIR LIFE, THEIR DREAMS, THEIR FAMILY... THE VERY DIGNITY OF THEIR COMMUNITY!
I'M GOING TO GET THEM BACK FOR THOSE POOR KIDS!
I'M TELLING YOU TO LET GO OF ALL THE PEOPLE YOU'VE MIND-CONTROLLED AS WELL!
I'M NOT TELLING YOU JUST TO GIVE UP THE TREE!
COME ON! LET'S GIVE IT...
...ALL WE'VE GOT!


KORRINA?!
TMP
GIVE UP!
CELOSIA OF TEAM FLARE, WAS IT...?

GRAB
NEIHS-LASH!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING THAT TREE!
SWSH